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## Notes from the Editor

Welcome to this edition of *Signals*. As always, we're committed to bringing you the latest updates, insights, and perspectives on topics that matter most to our Sailability community.

Last weekend was packed with activities, including our End of Season Regatta on Saturday and the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Sunday, and this edition of *Signals* features a comprehensive report on both events.

The Volunteer Roster for the future sailing days will be updated shortly on our website, so please register your availability as soon as you are advised it is online.

## May Photo Board



You can find full reports about each of our past sailing dates on our website, along with a selection of photographs, under LATEST NEWS.

## Our End of Season Regatta

The End of Season Regatta marked the conclusion of another successful sailing season. The event brought together six crews on a sunny day, though the breeze proved to be fickle, peaking at a south-easterly of around 4 knots.

Following a briefing from Bruce Davis, six boats launched and lined up for the first race, however the start was delayed, with sailors waiting for any sign of wind. Once underway, the fleet split into two distinct groups. Denis and Nola, sailing *Woody*, established an early lead, followed by Jackie and Caroline in *Helen Hendry*, and Skye and Guy in *Eli D*. Michael and Ros in *Ralph Newman* finished ahead of Helene and Robert in *Alex Martin*. Unfortunately, Warwick and Grant in *Black Swan* experienced steering difficulties and were unable to finish.

With a slight increase in wind and a shortened course, the second race was much tighter. *Woody*, *Ralph Newman* and *Eli D* vied for the lead, eventually finishing in that order. They were followed by *Helen Hendry* and *Alex Martin*. The wind continued to be unpredictable, with puffs favouring one side of the course and near calm in the middle. (continued p3)



(continued from p2) The final race featured a further shortened course and more variable winds, providing a challenge for all sailors. *Ralph Newman* made an excellent start, tacking into a favourable breeze to pull ahead of the fleet and finish in front of *Woody, Eli D, Alex Martin,* and *Helen Hendry.*

Denis and Nola emerged as the overall winners of the regatta. Michael and Ros secured second place, while Syke and Guy finished third. Jackie and Caroline took fourth, with Helene and Robert placing fifth.

Despite the challenging conditions, the regatta proved to be an enjoyable day for all participants. The races were professionally managed by Bruce and Pam, with John and Peter lending support on *Charlies Chariot* and Ken capturing moments as the event's paparazzi. Clare and Jeremy's sausage sandwiches, paired with fruit and cake courtesy of Nola, were much appreciated following the morning's racing. After lunch, prizes were awarded to the regatta winners.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and contributed to making the End of Season Regatta such an enjoyable and fun-filled success.



# Volunteers Thank You & Trophy Presentation

The annual Manly Sailability Thank You to Volunteers and Presentation of Trophies was recently held at Balgowlah Totem Club.

The afternoon was hosted by our President Warwick McKenzie, who welcomed all volunteers and several sailing participants. Warwick reflected briefly on the 30 years that Manly Sailability has been operating and expressed sincere thanks to Eli Demeny, a founding member, for her vision and commitment to the organisation.

It was wonderful to see Elizabeth Macpherson and her carer, as well as Andrew Foster and his family, both valued members of Manly Sailability. New volunteer members, Guy Evatt and Dany Rostron, spoke about their motivations for joining Manly Sailability and shared what they most enjoy about their volunteering experiences.

Eli Demeny presented the trophies, to recognise outstanding achievements:

- Best Sailor:** Jeremy Tebbutt
- Wayne Black Best Regatta Skipper:** Denis Linney
- Wayne Black Best Regattas Crew:** Nola Borgelt
- Most Improved Sailor:** Andrew Foster
- Volunteer of the Year Award:** John Weaver

Lucky door prizes were awarded to Caroline Holdstock (white wine), Guy Evatt (red wine), and Robert Del Pizo (a bag of cashews). The relaxed friendly and inclusive gathering was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



**Volunteer of the Year: John Weaver**



**Best Sailor: Jeremy Tebbutt**



**Most Improved Sailor: Andrew Foster**



**Wayne Black Trophy for Best Regatta Skipper and Crew: Denis Linney & Nola Borgelt**



For groups of up to 8, you can book quickly and easily via our website!

Go to [www.manlysailability.com.au](http://www.manlysailability.com.au) and click on BOOKINGS.

Choose your sailing date from the list and complete the form with your details.

For larger group bookings (more than 8) please reach out to Eli. ([demenyeli@gmail.com](mailto:demenyeli@gmail.com))

Check our website on the day of your booking to confirm if sailing will be going ahead under current weather conditions

Our Saturday sailing dates are often the least busy, so can be a great option for a relaxed morning of sailing.

## Upcoming Sailing Dates

All of our sailing sessions start at 9am and have a 'last sail' time of 11.30am.

Monday	25 May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	10 June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	20 June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	29 June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	4 July	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	15 July	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	27 July	<i>Bookings available</i>



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